

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d). Two Central schemes were launched during 1993-94 viz: (1) Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities. Under this scheme 100% grant is provided to States/UTs and NGOs for the following activities:

- (i) Establishment of new primary/upper primary schools, non-formal educational centres where such a need is felt and viability established on the basis of a school mapping exercise.
- (ii) Strengthening of educational infrastructure and physical facilities in the primary/upper primary schools.
- (iii) Opening of multi-stream residential higher secondary schools for girls where science, commerce, humanities and vocational courses are taught to Educationally Backward Minorities.

(2) Scheme of Financial Assistance for Modernisations of Madarsa Education. Under the scheme, a grant of Rs. 26,400/- p.a. for the appointment of one teacher to teach modern subjects for each Madarsa and one time grant of Rs. 4000/- for each Madarsa for purchase of Science and Mathematics kits is made available.

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University Bill, 1995 to establish and incorporate a University at the National level mainly to promote and develop the Urdu language has been passed by the Rajya Sabha. The proposed University would impart vocational and technical education in the Urdu medium through conventional teaching and distance education system.

Channelising of Rivers

1435. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demand has been received from various State Governments for channelising of rivers in those States and the names of the rivers found containing effluent more than the permissible limit; and

(b) the steps taken in this direction and the budgetary provision made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Proposals have been made by Government of Himachal Pradesh for channelisation of river Swan for which the State Government have to prepare project report based on model study results sent to the State in August 1996. The proposal for channelisation of river Yamuna submitted by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has

been discussed in the 55th meeting of the Yamuna Committee. The National Capital Territory of Delhi is yet to take follow up action on the decisions taken by the Yamuna Committee and the comments of the Central Water Commission.

A statement giving names of rivers containing effluent more than permissible limit is enclosed.

(b) The above referred channelisation schemes are still in planning stage and hence the question of making budgetary provisions does not arise.

Pollution abatement works in the rivers mentioned in the statement have been undertaken. Budgetary provision of Rs. 106 crore has been made for this purpose during the year 1996-97.

STATEMENT

Name of Rivers containing effluents more than permissible limits

S.No.	Name of River	No. of Towns affected
1.	Ganga	25
2.	Yamuna	22
3.	Damodar	12
4.	Gomti	3
5.	Batwa	3
6.	Chambal	3
7.	Sutlej	4
8.	Godawari	6
9.	Wainganga	3
10.	Krishna	2
11.	Tungabhadra	2
12.	Tunga	1
13.	Bhadra	1
14.	Cauvery	9
15.	Tapti	1
16.	Narmada	1
17.	Mahanadi	1
18.	Subarnarekha	3
19.	Brahmani	3
20.	Sabaramati	1
21.	Kshipra	1
22.	Khan	1

[Translation]

Setting up of Sainik Schools

1436. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Estimates Committee have

recommended in its 19th report to open more Sainik Schools in rural areas:

(b) whether the Government propose to implement these recommendations; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to open more sainik schools in the country particularly in hilly regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Under the Sainik Schools Scheme, a new Sainik School is opened on the specific request of a State Government since the entire capital expenditure has to be met by it. The Committee constituted to look into the question of reducing financial burden on States for opening new Sainik School has finalised its recommendations in September, 1996 and the same have been sent to all the States to facilitate opening of new Sainik Schools. Sainik School Ghorakhal, District Nainital (UP) and Sainik School Sujana Pur Tira, District Hamirpur (HP), are already located in hilly regions.

In addition to this, the six Sainik Schools in Bihar, Gujarat, Assam, Kerala and Tamil Nadu are situated in rural/backward areas.

[English]

Flood Proofing Programme

1437. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that floods are the regular phenomenon in some parts of the country like U.P., West Bengal, Assam etc. and 16 million hectare of land is yet to be saved from the fury of floods;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have chalked out Flood Proofing Programme for combating the flood problems;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Floods are a recurring phenomena in many parts of the country, particularly in the Ganga and Brahmaputra basin States. The estimated flood prone area in the country is 40.00 million ha. out of which 80% i.e. 32 million ha. has been assessed as the area that can be provided with reasonable degree of protection. So far an area of 14.4 million ha. has been provided with reasonable degree of protection.

(b) to (d). The Central Government during the 8th Plan has launched a flood proofing programme for North Bihar which is one of the worst flood affected regions of the country with an outlay of Rs. 40.0 crores. The programme which includes construction of raised platforms, providing quick drainage facilities, providing drinking water, sanitary facilities, communication, etc.

etc. would spill over to 9th Plan. The Working Group on flood control for 9th Plan has recommended extending the programme to other States also during 9th Plan period.

Foreign Students in Indian Universities

1438. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to know the causes for Indian universities being no longer sought after places for study by foreign students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to attract the foreign students in Indian universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), at present, about 14,000 foreign students are studying in Indian Universities. UGC has not initiated any specific scheme to attract foreign students to study in Indian universities.

[Translation]

Family Planning Schemes

1439. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted a study of various International Report on the implementation of family planning schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount provided to each State Government for this purpose during the last three years; and

(d) the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). International Organisations occasionally bring out Reports on the Family Welfare Programme in India and these Reports are given due attention by the Government. The funds released to State Governments during the last three years for implementation of the family welfare programme is enclosed in Statement-I. The achievements of the family welfare programme since its inception are summarised in the Statement - II enclosed.